

REMARKS

The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on January 7, 2003. All of the pending claims 1-53 have been rejected. Claims 9, 27 and 44 have been objected to. Claims 1-4, 19-22 and 37-40 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6, 222,530 issued to Sequeira ("Sequeira"). Claims 5, 6, 23, 24 and 41 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sequeira in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,225,993 issued to Lindblad et al. ("Lindblad et al."). Claims 7, 8, 25, 26, 42 and 43 have been rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sequeira in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,629,723 issued to Moskowitz et al. ("Moskowitz et al."). Claims 9-16, 27-34 and 44-51 have been rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sequeira in view of Lindblad et al. in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,848 issued to Morris ("Morris"). Claims 17-18, 35, 36, 52 and 53 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sequeira in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,778,187 issued to Monterio et al. ("Monterio et al.").

Objections to the Claims

Claims 9, 27 and 44 have been objected to because it is not clear what "with a corresponding encoder one of the media servers" means. Each of these claims has been amended to recite "with a corresponding specified one of the media servers." Applicants thank the Examiner for careful review of the claims.

None of the Cited References teach the Limitations of Amended Independent Claims 1, 19 and 37

Each of the independent claims 1, 19 and 37 has been amended to recite, in part:

"at a node of the network, receiving information input by the user specifying a selected one of the media servers for scheduling operations to be performed, *wherein said node resides in a first time zone and said selected media server resides in a second time zone, and wherein there is a time difference between said first and second time zones*"

Support for this amendment is found in the specification as originally filed. None of the cited references, either individually or collectively, teach the above cited limitations of amended independent claims 1, 19 and 37. Sequeira teaches display of graphical information indicating a

time, but Sequeira does not teach displaying graphical information indicating the current local time at a server which resides in a different time zone from the node at which the time is displayed.

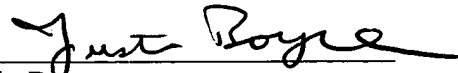
Claims 2-18, 20-36 and 38-53 depend from patentable claims 1, 19 and 37 respectively, and as such include all of the limitations of patentable claims 1, 19 and 37 rendering them patentable also.

Having shown how Applicants claims define over the cited references, it is submitted that the application as amended is now in condition for allowance and an early notice thereof is solicited. In the event that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number set out below.

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Respectfully submitted,

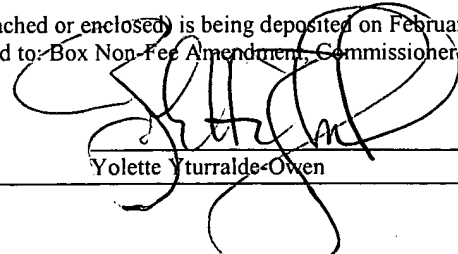

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